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Fall Migration at the Beach

The fall meeting of the Carolina Bird Club will be held on September 29 - October 1, 2000 on North Carolina's southeastern coast at Fort Caswell. Our headquarters will be the NC Baptist Assembly, 100 Caswell Beach Road, Oak Island, NC; a 248-acre campus at the mouth of the Cape Fear River. Pre-registration for this meeting is required; registration packets and room keys may be picked up at the Carolina Bird Club registration table at Gingko Cottage on Thursday (Sept. 28) - 3:00 to 9:00 for those members who are arriving on that day. The registration table will also be open on Friday (Sept. 29) - 3:00 - 9:00 PM. **The Assembly's main gate is locked between 11:00pm and 6:00am.**

Programs: The Friday and Saturday evening meetings will be held at 8:00 PM in Sherrill Chapel. Friday's speaker will be long-time CBC member John Wright, who will present an overview of his work with North Carolina's localized breeding population of Henslow's Sparrows. The presentation will feature slides of the unique habitats of these sparrows at the Voice of America transmitter sites in Pitt and Beaufort counties, as well as slides of hand-held birds taken during banding operations from the past two summers.

On Saturday we will hear from Dr. Steve Emslie, ornithologist at UNC-Wilmington. Dr. Emslie has done field research with Antarctic penguins during the last six breeding seasons, but since coming to UNC-W in 1998 has continued some aspects of the work with tern colonies started years ago by his predecessor, Dr. James Parnell. His talk is entitled 'Royal Terns in North Carolina: Status and New Research'.

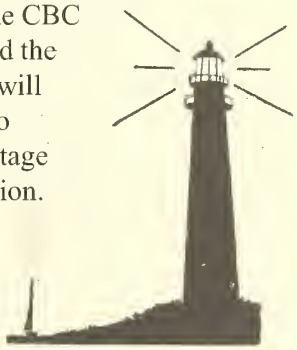
Field Trips: A complete listing of field trips to be held during our meeting at Fort Caswell and a field trip sign-up form can be found in this newsletter. Registrants are encouraged to complete their field trip sign-up forms and mail them to: Carolina Bird Club, Inc., 11 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-1029.

Lodging and Meals: The assembly room rate for our meeting is $24.50 per night based on double occupancy. We will be housed in various separate cottages, 'hotels', and a motel. All rooms have private baths, AC, heat, linens, towels, and soap. They do not have phones or TVs, and alcohol is not allowed on the Assembly grounds. The meeting planners will assign rooms as they receive registration forms. Registrants who require wheelchair accessibility should note that on their registration form. Rooms are available Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. Suppers will be available at 6:00 on those three nights, as well as Sunday breakfast at 7:30am.

Note: deadline for rooms and meals at the Assembly is August 29.

Send registration and full payment to: CBC, Inc., 11 W. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601-1029. For those not staying at the Assembly, please refer to the information on page 2 of this newsletter for a listing of motels in the area.

Directions:
From north and west of Wilmington take 133 South, which begins at the intersection of Hwys 17, 74/76 and 421 in Wilmington. Stay on 133 until it ends. Continue straight ahead on Caswell Beach Rd., to the Assembly's gatehouse.
From south of Wilmington, take 17 N; right on 211 East; right on 133 South until it ends. Continue straight ahead on Caswell Beach Rd. to the Assembly's gatehouse. At the gate, identify yourself as attending the CBC meeting, and the gatekeeper will direct you to Gingko Cottage for registration.



Important Information

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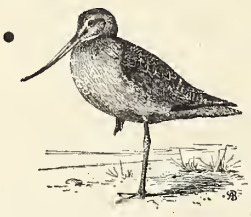
Certain meals will be available to our group: Thursday, Friday and Saturday Suppers ($6.50 per meal) and Sunday Breakfast ($5.00). These meals must be ordered at the time that the registration form is completed and sent to CBC. Please note that alcohol is not allowed on the Assembly grounds.

Early preregistration for this meeting and the rooms is essential. Since the club will be responsible for room assignments and room key distribution. Registration in June or July is requested if at all possible. Reservations and **full payment must be received at CBC Headquarters no later than August 29.** Anyone canceling a room reservation will be reimbursed if that room is re-rented. (At the 1997 meeting last-minute registrants did take the few rooms made available by unexpected cancellations.)

For those do do not wish to stay at the Assembly, there are several motels on Oak Island: Port Motel, 4821 Long Beach Rd., Southport, 910-457-4800; South Winds Motel, 700 Ocean Dr., Yaupon Beach, 910-278-5442; Driftwood Motel, 604 Ocean Dr., Yaupon Beach, 910-278-6114; Captains Cove Motel, 6401 E. Oak Island Dr., Long Beach, 910-278-6026; Island Resort, 500 Ocean Dr., Yaupon Beach, 278-5644. Additional accommodations can be found at http://www.oak-island.com/cgi/chamber/chamber.cgi. The meeting registration fee for those not staying at the Assembly will include the user fee charged to all non-Baptist groups.

Please Do Not Wait to register for the meeting if you plan to stay at the Assembly. Call John or Paula Wright at 252-756-5139 before 8:00 p.m. for further information.



Fall Meeting Field Trip Descriptions

Please examine the following trip descriptions carefully for meeting time and place. Field trip participants are responsible for their own food and drink. Carpooling is encouraged, particularly for trips on the Southport Ferry. Your field trip planning will benefit by reference to pages 313-377 of *A Birderís Guide to Coastal North Carolina* by John O. Fussell III. The text and maps describe in detail virtually all the above field trip areas and many more which you may wish to bird on your own.

Trips 1, 8, 9 – Southport Ferry/Fort Fisher/Carolina Beach State Park:

This area can be excellent for migrant warblers and shorebirds, but warbler numbers are highly weather-dependent along the ocean fringe. Best during and after northwest winds and cold front passage, the woodland birding can be very slow at other times. We recommend carpooling on the ferry ($3.00) from Southport which departs from the end of Hwy. 211 and holds 38 cars. But if you miss the 7:00 AM ferry departure you can drive around through Wilmington and meet your field trip group at Fort Fisher. The drive around takes about 60-75 minutes. After the half-hour ferry ride, Trips 1 and 8 will reorganize at 7:45 AM in the parking area just below the ferry terminal (turn right leaving the ferry terminal gate). Trip 9 will reorganize at 7:45 AMin the parking lot at the Fort Fisher Historic Site visitor center (turn left leaving the ferry terminal gate and go about 2 miles). The return ferry from Fort Fisher leaves every 45 minutes starting at 9:15 AM and 5:30 PM. See page 337 of Fussell's book for a map of the Fort Fisher area.

Trip 10 – Carolina Beach State Part/Fort Fisher/Southport Ferry:

This trip is designed to cover the same areas as above, but in the opposite order. The warbler numbers might be better here than at Fort Fisher if there has not been a good cold front passage. You may wish to drive around through Wilmington to meet your field trip group at 8:00 AM at the marina end of SR 1628 in Carolina Beach State Park. See page 336 of Fussellís book for a map of the Carolina Beach State Park area.

Trips 2, 11 – Bald Head Island:

Bald Head Island includes Cape Fear, North Carolinaís southernmost point. Although developed, the area contains extensive marsh, maritime forest and beach. After cold front passages the area can be excellent for migrants, but is a wonderfully scenic area anytime. The trip begins at 7:45 AM at the ferry dock at the end of Indigo Plantation Drive in Southport. From Hwy 211 take West 9th Street to Indigo Plantation Drive. Several fees are required: Parking (**$5.00 per car**), private ferry (**$15.00 per person**), and golf cart (**$7.50 per person**). The golf carts are the usual form of transportation for everyone on Bald Head Island. You will need to bring a lunch or eat at a restaurant on the island. The ferry departs Bald Head on the half-hour, so that you may return when you wish. **This trip is limited to 24 participants.**

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Additional Fall Field Trips

To participate in one of these field trips first contact the trip leader(s) to reserve your spot then send the Additional Fall Field Trips Registration Form to **Carolina Bird Club, Inc** Mail to 11 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-1029.

ACE Basin Weekend Excursion

Where: Southeastern South Carolina
When: September 22-24, 2000.
Leaders: Best Guess Birding Co.
(Bob Wood and Lex Glover)

A high 2-day total will be our goal as we spend the weekend birding four of the best areas southern South Carolina has to offer: Savannah National Wildlife Refuge, ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge (near Edisto Island), Donnelly Wildlife Management Area, and Bear Island Wildlife Management Area. We'll depart from Hardeeville, SC, early Saturday morning, bird all day, stay in Walterboro Saturday night, and bird until we drop (or otherwise need to go home) on Sunday afternoon.

As usual, Best Guess Birding Co. will mail participants a packet of information on the birding locales and the birds which, by our best guess, we'll see.

We'll stay at the Ramada Limited in Hardeeville Friday night (843/784-3192) and the Hampton Inn (843/538-2300) in Walterboro on Saturday night. When you call the Hampton Inn to make your reservation, refer to the Carolina Bird Club for a discount.

Limit: 20 participants. **Cost:** $25
Contact:
Bob Wood, Best Guess Birding Co., 2421 Owl Circle, West Columbia, SC 29169
H: (803) 791-3833; W: (803) 771-7900; bobwood@ix.netcom.com

Jackson Park and Hooper Lane Day Trip

Where: Jackson Park and Hooper Lane
Hendersonville, NC
When: September 23, 2000
Leaders: Wayne Forsyth, Bob Olthoff

This is a peak migration date for Henderson County. Target birds are: Black-billed Cuckoo, Philadelphia Vireo, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Golden-winged Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, and Kentucky Warbler. Meet at the Jackson Park Administration building in Hendersonville at 8:00AM. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. If you need to stay overnight, the following are in Hendersonville: Ramada Limited (828-697-0006); Comfort Inn (828-693-8800); Day's Inn (828-697-5999); Hampton Inn (828-687-0806); and Holiday Inn Express (828-698-8899).

Limit: 12 participants **Cost:** $10.00
Contact:
Wayne Forsyth (828) 697-6628; wforsythe@a-o.com for directions, other details, and to sign up.

Registration Form
CBC Fall Meeting, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2000

Name(s): _____
(list each name for name tag)

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone (____) _____(day) (____) _____ (evening) Email: _____

❑ I will NOT be staying overnight at the NC Baptist Assembly.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $_____ for _____ member registrations at $20 each and _____ nonmember registrations at $30 each. Registration at the meeting for those not staying at the Assembly is $30 for members & nonmembers.

❑ I WILL be staying overnight at the NC Baptist Assembly.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $_____ for _____member registrations at $10 each, _____nonmember registrations at $20 each and $24.50 per person per room per night room fee (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ONLY).

I will arrive on o Thursday, o Friday, o Saturday.

Room fees include the Assembly user fee charged to all non-Baptist groups. **Note:** Registration for accomodations at the Assembly can be made only in advance and not at the meeting. The names of those wishing to be assigned to the same room should appear on the same registration form. Those wishing to be assigned to the same cottage should send their registration forms together.

❑ Enclosed is a check for the following meals:

Thursday Supper ($6.50) _____ Friday Supper ($6.50) _____ Saturday Supper ($6.50) _____ Sunday Breakfast ($5.00)

Note any special requests concerning accomodations: _____

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Make check payable to to **Carolina Bird Club, Inc** and mail to 11 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-1029.

Field Trip Reservations
CBC Fall Meeting, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2000

Indicate which field trip(s) you wish to participate in by writing the number and the names of those participating next the day and time.

	Trip #	Names of Participants
Friday, All Day	_____	_____
Friday, Morning	_____	_____
Friday, Afternoon	_____	_____
Saturday, All Day	_____	_____
Saturday, Morning	_____	_____
Saturday, Afternoon	_____	_____

Additional Fall Field Trips

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip; _____

Telephone: (___)_____ (day) (____)_____ (evening) Email: _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $ _____ for _____ persons to participate in the ❑ **Ace Basin Field trip;** ❑ **Jackson Park/Hooper Lane** trip. I have called the appropriate trip leader to ensure that space is available.

Make checks payable to **Carolina Bird Club, Inc** and mail to 11 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-1029.

Trips 3, 12, 16 – Green Swamp Ecological Preserve:
The Green Swamp Ecological Preserve is a Nature Conservancy preserve. The areas being perserved are not swamps but rather open Longleaf Pine savannas with their associated plants and animals. This is excellent habitat for the Red-cockaded Woodpecker. These trips will leave from Fort Caswell at 7:00 AM and 1:00 PM for the 25-mile drive to the Green Swamp. See page 364 of Fussellís book for a map of the Green Swamp area.

Trips 4, 6, 14, 18 – Sunset Beach/Ocean Isle beach/Holden Beach:
Sunset Beach is the last beach before the South Carolina line and is well known among North Carolina birders for its extensive sand and mud flats which attract a variety of shorebirds and waders. The salt marsh and inlet area here are a good spot to look for Reddish Egret, and the nearby mainland usually have Wood Stork in the late summer and early fall. These trips will leave from Fort Caswell at 7:00 AM and 1:00 PM for the 35-mile drive to Sunset Beach. See page 373 of Fussellís book for a map of the Sunset Beach area.

Trips 5, 7, 15, 19 – Fort Caswell/Oak Island:
The grounds of the NC Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell are themselves an excellent birding area. A Connecticutt Warbler, the best bird of the weekend, was found here during our 1997 meeting here. The large manicured lawns merge with maritime shrub thickets, small marshy ponds, remnants of the old fortifications, and of course the wide mouth of the Cape Fear River. An excellent mix of waterbirds and landbirds can be seen in a fairly small area. These trips, starting at 7:00 AM and 1:00 PM, include a thorough coverage on foot of the Fort Caswell area and minimal driving to nearby Oak Island (the recently merged towns of Long Beach and Yaupon Beach).

Trips 13, 17 – Eagle Island/Greenfield Lake/Wilmington area:
The main area for this trip is the large dredge-spoil site south of the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial near the banks of the Cape Fear River. If water levels at the spoil site are optimum, this can be a spectacular area for migrating shorebirds and a great variety of waders. The nearby thickets and wooded margins of the river offer good woodland birding. Other productive birding areas within the Wilmington area will also be explored. These trips will start at 7:30 AM and 1:30 PM from the parking lot for the USS North Carolina Battleship Memorial off Hwy 421 N in Wilmington.

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Field Trip Schedule

September 29-October 1, 2000

The following is a proposed listing of field trips. Trip itineraries may be changed /canceled based on number of sign-ups, availability of leaders, and/or access to areas.

Friday, Sept. 29: All Day
- Trip 1 Southport Ferry/Fort Fisher/Carolina Beach State Park (carpooling recommended)
- Trip 2 Bald Head Island (fees for parking, ferry, golf cart)

Friday, Sept. 29: Morning
- Trip 3 Green Swamp Ecological Preserve
- Trip 4 Sunset Beach/Ocean Isle Beach/Holden Beach
- Trip 5 Fort Caswell/Oak Island

Friday, Sept. 29: Afternoon
- Trip 6 Sunset Beach/Ocean Isle Beach/Holden Beach
- Trip 7 Fort Caswell/Oak Island

Saturday, Sept. 30: All Day
- Trip 8 Southport Ferry/Fort Fisher/Carolina Beach State Park (carpooling recommended)
- Trip 9 Southport Ferry/Fort Fisher/Carolina Beach State Park (carpooling recommended)
- Trip 10 Carolina Beach State Park/Fort Fisher/Southport Ferry (carpooling recommended)
- Trip 11 Bald Head Island (fees for parking, ferry, golf cart)

Saturday, Sept. 30: Morning
- Trip 12 Green Swamp Ecological Preserve
- Trip 13 Eagle Island/Greenfield Lake/Wilmington area
- Trip 14 Sunset Beach/Ocean Isle Beach/Holden Beach
- Trip 15 Fort Caswell/Oak Island

Saturday, Sept. 30: Afternoon
- Trip 16 Green Swamp Ecological Preserve
- Trip 17 Eagle Island/Greenfield Lake/Wilmington area
- Trip 18 Sunset Beach/Ocean Isle Beach/Holden Beach
- Trip 19 Fort Caswell/Oak Island

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